

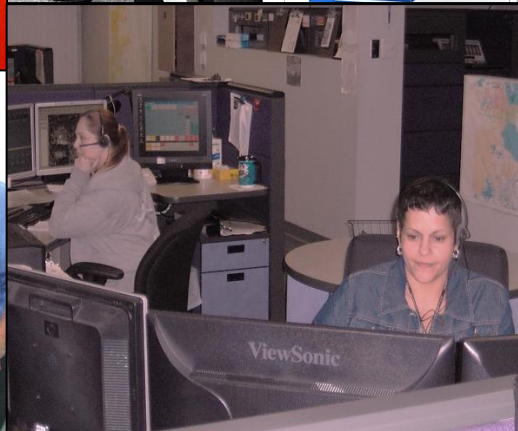
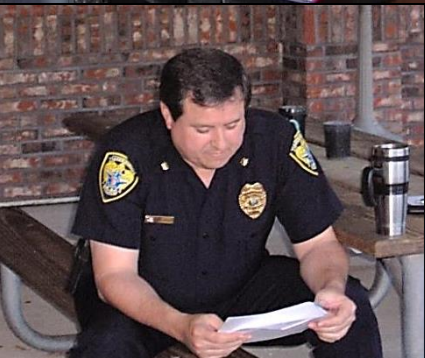
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"Enhancing the Quality of Life"

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

WILLIAM J. CHRISMAN

2013

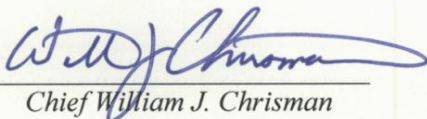
COMMENTS FROM THE CHIEF

It is my pleasure to share with you the 2013 Annual Report. This report highlights many of the accomplishments achieved through the hard work of the fine men and women of the Leesburg Police Department. The following pages summarize a year of commitment and dedication to duty by our staff.

Through the support and continued partnership with our community, the number of Part I crimes decreased for a fifth consecutive year in Leesburg. In fact, the overall crime rate dropped for a seventh time in the past eight years. The data reflects a continuing overall trend of declining serious crime in our community. This obviously is welcome news for our residents and businesses alike. However, we must remain vigilant in our efforts if we want these trends to continue.

Even now our staff is working to implement new strategies for addressing the challenges facing Leesburg today. One example is a multi-faceted campaign which combines education and enforcement to deal with an increase of serious traffic crashes involving pedestrians.

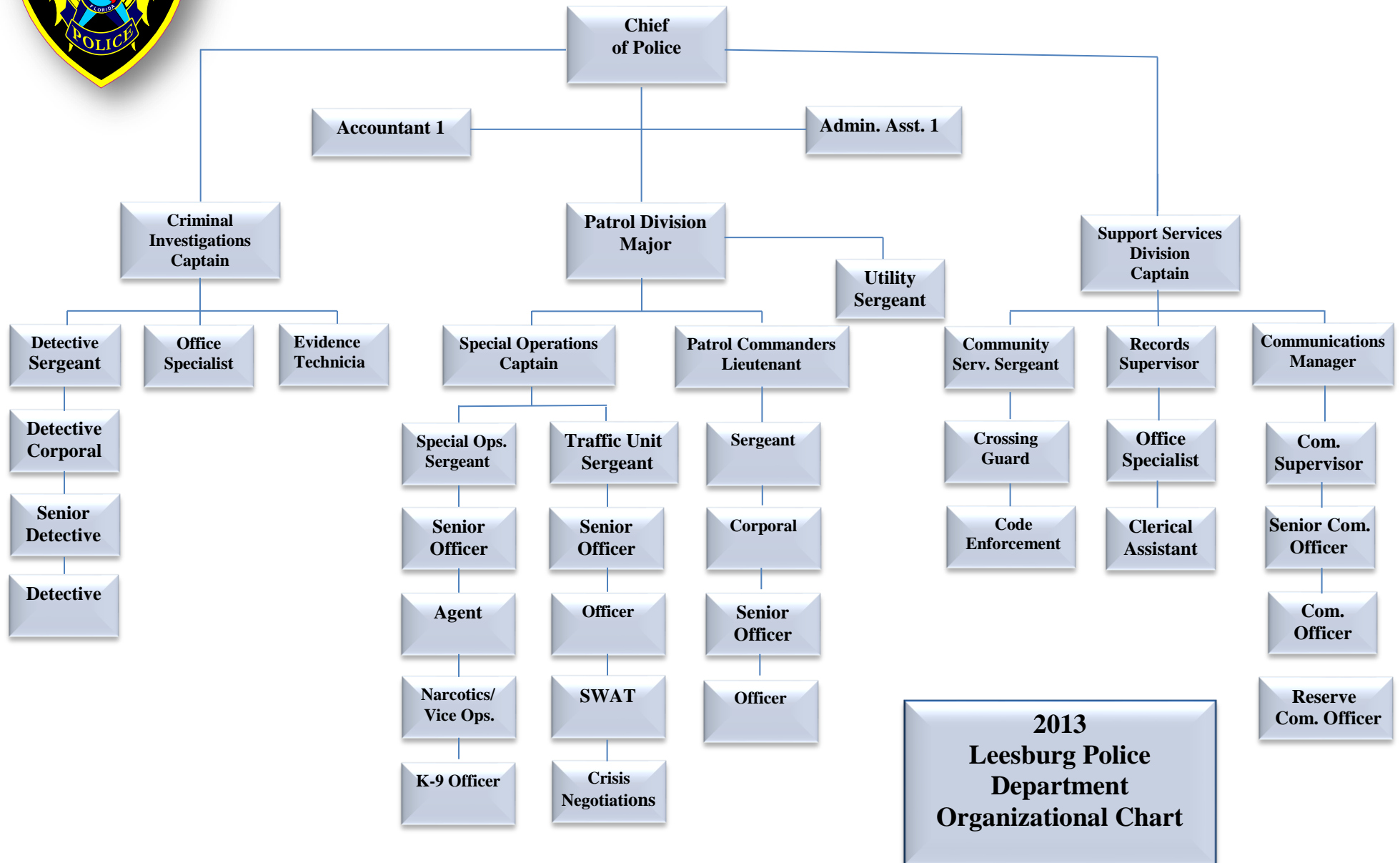
As we improve upon proven methods and implement new strategies, our goal remains to make Leesburg a better place to live and work. It continues to be my privilege to serve with the men and women of the Leesburg Police Department. I am proud of all their hard work and look forward to the challenges that lay ahead in 2014. Thank you!


Chief William J. Chrisman

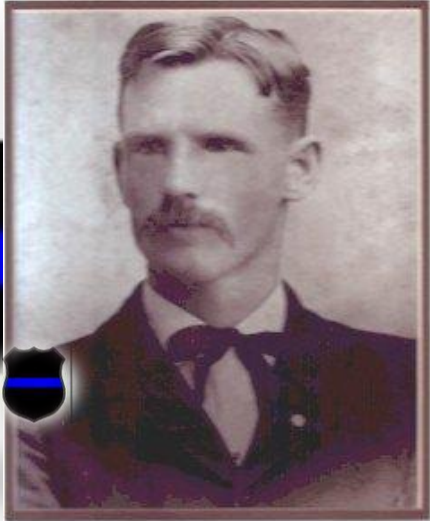
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LEESBURG'S FALLEN OFFICERS



Chief James Hux
Killed in the Line of Duty
February 13, 1924

Chief Hux, the first police chief for the City of Leesburg was fatally injured while trying to locate a second suspect near an illegal still operation. Chief Hux was shot with a shotgun on the rear portion of his head by the sixteen year old suspect. He was the first officer to give his life "in the line of duty" in Lake County



Chief Bishop W. Haney
Killed in the Line of Duty
October 10, 1937

Chief Bishop W. Haney and Officer Foy Parrish spotted a reckless driver. As they tried to conduct a traffic stop, the driver sped away. Haney and Parrish eventually stopped the vehicle by forcing it to the curb. As they detained the two occupants, Haney fell unconscious to the ground, bruising his head on the gravel street. Two passers-by drove him to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



Officer Jesse F. Beerbower
Killed in the Line of Duty
February 13, 1944

Officer Beerbower was fatally injured after being shot six times with a .38 caliber revolver by a suspect who was being arrested for disorderly conduct. Officer Beerbower was the third officer to tragically give his life in the line of duty in Leesburg.



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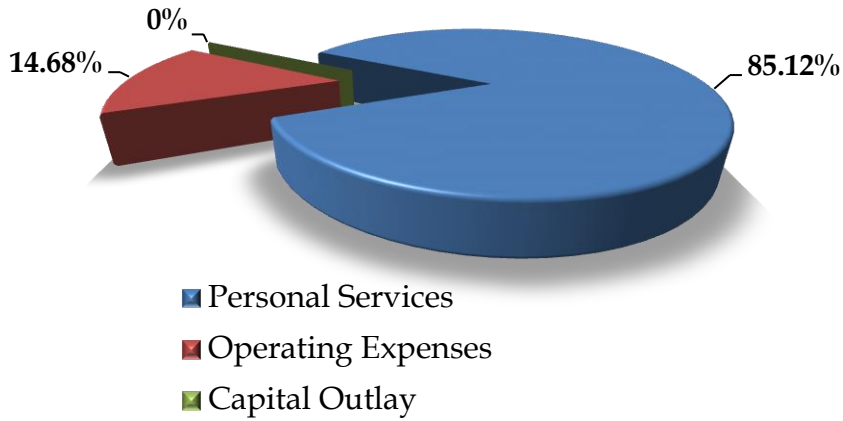
MISSION

***"To Enhance the Quality Of Life within
Our Community"***

We accomplish this by:

- Enforcing the law
- Protecting life and property
- Reducing the fear of crime
- Increasing public awareness
- Protecting individual rights
- Providing additional services needs

2013/2014 FISCAL BUDGET



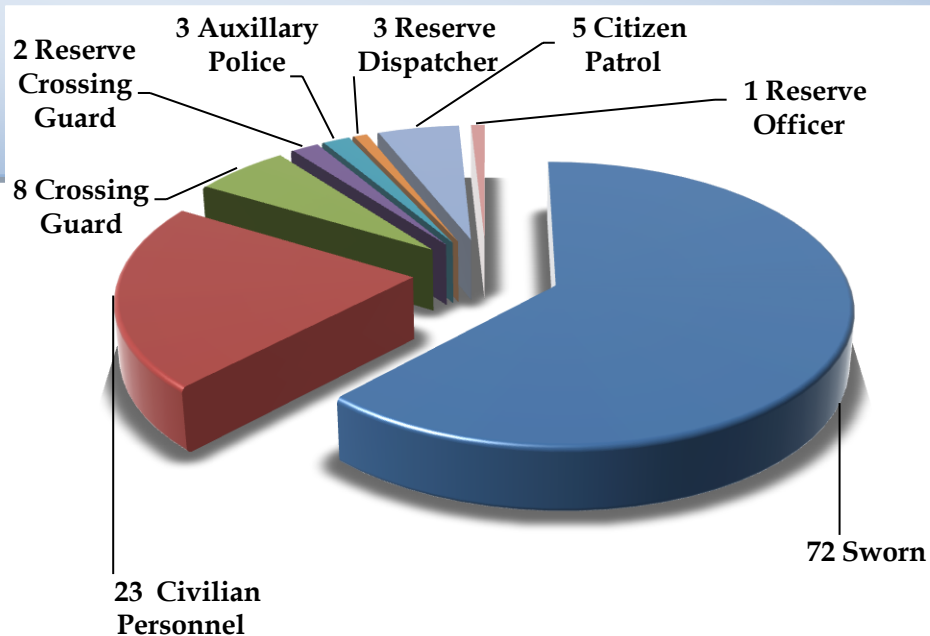
Personal Services
\$6,715,787

Operating Expenses
\$1,160,799

Capital Outlay
\$0

TOTAL:
\$7,876,586

AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL



TOTAL PERSONNEL 113

2013 Lake County
Service Above Self Award
Senior Officer
Gustavo Escalante



Leesburg Police Department



On behalf of the Leesburg Police Department, I have the pleasure to present Officer Gustavo Escalante who was our Officer of the Year for 2011 and again in 2012.

Officer Escalante was hired in June 2010. Since his employment, he has consistently demonstrated a high degree of professionalism and excellence. He has exceeded the expectations of his supervisors and that of his coworkers. In fact, it was his coworkers who overwhelmingly selected him for this well-deserved recognition.

In January of 2012, the Leesburg Police Department asked each of its employees to cast a ballot for the officer they believed exemplified what it means to be “the best of the best.” The overwhelming choice was Officer Gustavo Escalante. This honor followed his selection as Officer of the Month four times in 2011.

Officer Escalante’s supervisors describe him as a hardworking, proactive team player. Through his demonstrated performance, he has earned this unique distinction. Some examples of Gus’ hard charging and professional style include his identification and single handed apprehension of one of Lake County’s ten most wanted criminals, consistently having the highest productivity department wide, and countless letters of compliments from citizens.

When Officer Escalante sets goals for himself, he tends to achieve success. One such example involves his desire to join Leesburg’s highly skilled SWAT team. After successfully completing his probationary period, Gus requested approval to try out for a position on the team. After a grueling series of tests, Gus was awarded a spot on the team. SWAT members were so impressed with his fortitude and decision making that they immediately elevated his status and included him on the team that competed in the SWAT Roundup Competition.

Officer Escalante has set the bar extremely high for those officers who have been hired after him. It’s refreshing to witness Gus’ professionalism at a level normally reserved for more seasoned officers. He is an asset to the department and the community he so loyally serves.

Awarded annually to one officer selected among 11 county-wide law enforcement agencies who has demonstrated outstanding service excellence.

*2013 Leesburg
Police Officer the Year
Officer Jim Dunagan*



Leesburg Police Department



Officer James Dunagan has been with the Leesburg Police Department for 18 years, fulfilling a variety of roles. During his tenure, he spent nine years as a Detective; he also served as a SWAT Team member and a Field Training Officer. Officer Dunagan is currently assigned to the patrol division where he is also a Field Training Officer and a Hostage Negotiator. Prior to his employment with the City of Leesburg, he served as a military police officer in the U. S. Army

Officer Dunagan is a mentor to the less experienced officers on his squad, working closely with them on a daily basis to share his knowledge. He trained several new officers as part of his FTO assignment and has conducted several squad level training sessions as an extension of his mentoring philosophy.

In the spring of 2013 Officer Dunagan was involved in a traumatic on-duty incident. He demonstrated a tremendous level of professionalism and strength of character in the way he handled the incident, but more importantly, in the way he recovered from it and resumed his duties.

Officer Dunagan has a strong work ethic and thoroughly investigates each assignment. In January he investigated a sexual battery involving a child victim. After a thorough on-scene and follow-up investigation, he obtained a confession which lead to the offender's arrest. The investigation and detailed report brought praise from both the State Attorney's Office (SAO) and the defendant's attorney.

Officer Dunagan has earned the respect of his peers and supervisors through years high quality service to the community and his agency. His selection as Officer of the Year serves as public recognition of these and other accomplishments.

Awarded annually to one Leesburg police officer selected among intra-agency co-workers.



In Recognition of Exceptional Police Service



Senior Officer Chris Parsons

1st Runner-up



Officer Gustavo Escalante

2nd Runner-up

Runner-up for Leesburg Officer of the Year 2013

***“Recognizing Outstanding Performance”
2013 Monthly Employee Awards***



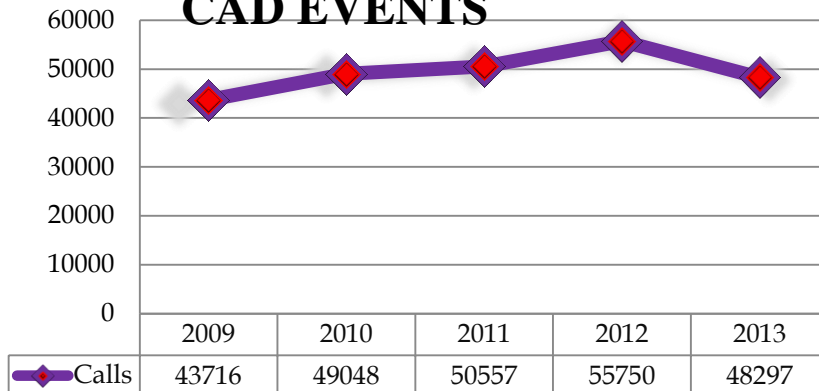
<i>Month</i>	<i>Police Officer</i>	<i>Support Services</i>
January	Eric Green	Kim Smith
February	Nick Bloom	Dorana Hout
March	Chris Parsons	Arlinda Mango
April	Brandon Brinkman	Alana Swafford
May	Jim Dunagan	Cheryl Raiford
June	Jonathan Semento	Emily Causey
July	Nick Bloom	Marcia Clark
August	Jon Graver	Lynn Kendall
September	Mike Neal	Sarah Lynch
October	Alisa Cunningham	Isabel Lopez
November	Mike Neal	Kaleen Torres
December	Chris Parsons	Melissa Lopez





REPORTED CRIMES AND ARRESTS

CAD EVENTS



CAD events are all police activities.

Year	CAD Events	% Chg.
2009	43,176	- 4%
2010	49,048	14%
2011	50,557	3%
2012	55,750	10%
2013	48,297	- 13%

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

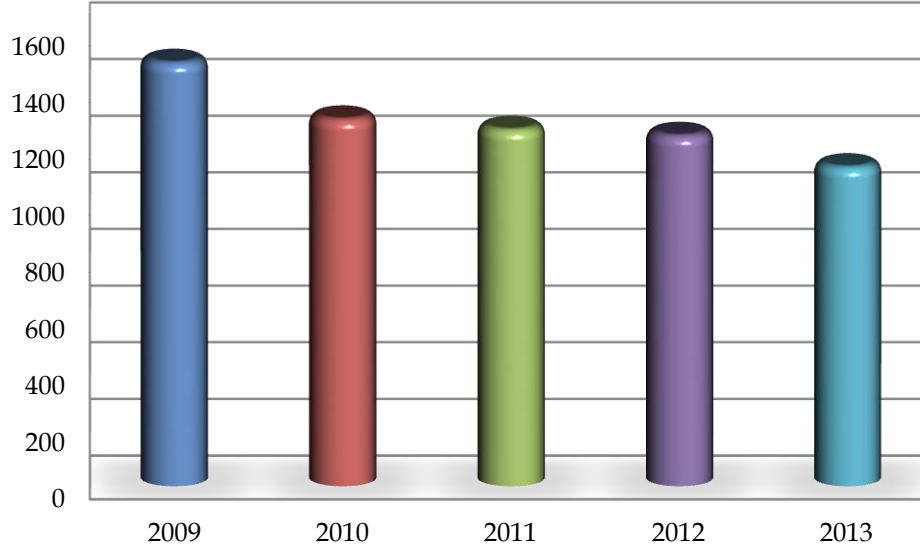


Year	Service Calls	% Chg.
2009	38,981	1%
2010	38,284	- 2%
2011	39,087	2%
2012	40,733	4%
2013	38,419	-6%

Five Year Average: 39,100

Calls for service are documented police responses or police activities, actions, or reactions occurring as the result of a request from the public or self-initiated.

PART ONE CRIMES



Battery is defined as simple assault for UCR crime reporting

PART ONE CRIMES

Homicide
Forcible Rape
Aggravated. Assault
Burglary
Vehicle Theft
Robbery
Larceny
Arson

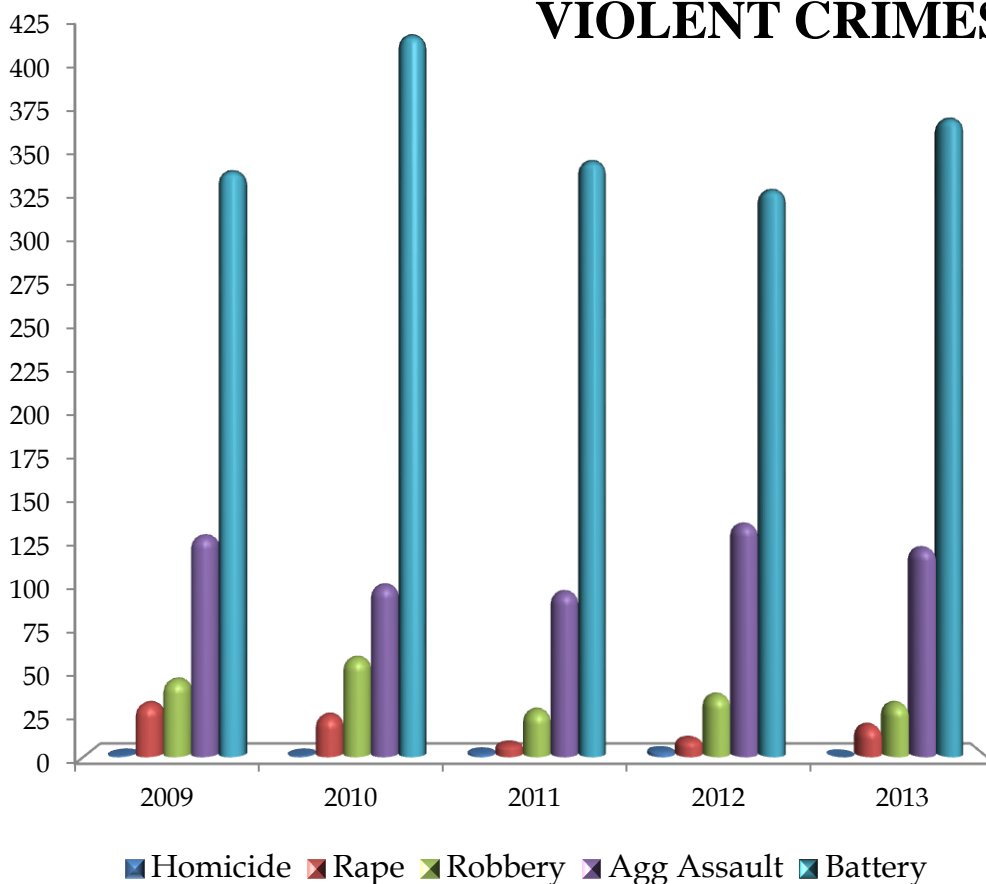
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Note: For 2013 our agency has come into full compliance with UCR reporting for larceny (theft) and motor vehicle theft incidents. Incidents involving theft by fraud or motor vehicle theft under false pretense (loaned/borrowed, etc.) are no longer counted as larceny or motor vehicle theft under UCR reporting guidelines. This change accounts for a large portion of the decrease in Part 1 Crime Index 2013.

Year	UCR	% Chg.
2009	1476	- 10%
2010	1280	- 11%
2011	1237	- 3%
2012	1218	- 1.5%
2013	1124	- 8%

The Uniform Crime Reports are published by the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The UCR Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of over 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, federal, and other law enforcement agencies who voluntarily report data on crimes brought to their attention. Since 1930, the FBI has administered the UCR Program. The program's primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. However, over the years, UCR data have become one of the country's leading social indicators. Criminologists, sociologists, legislators, municipal planners, the media, and other students of criminal justice use the data for varied research and planning purposes.

VIOLENT CRIMES



Property crimes include burglary, theft, auto theft, and arson. Vandalism is excluded from this classification even though it occurs frequently and victims may suffer a financial loss not attributed to an act of violence.

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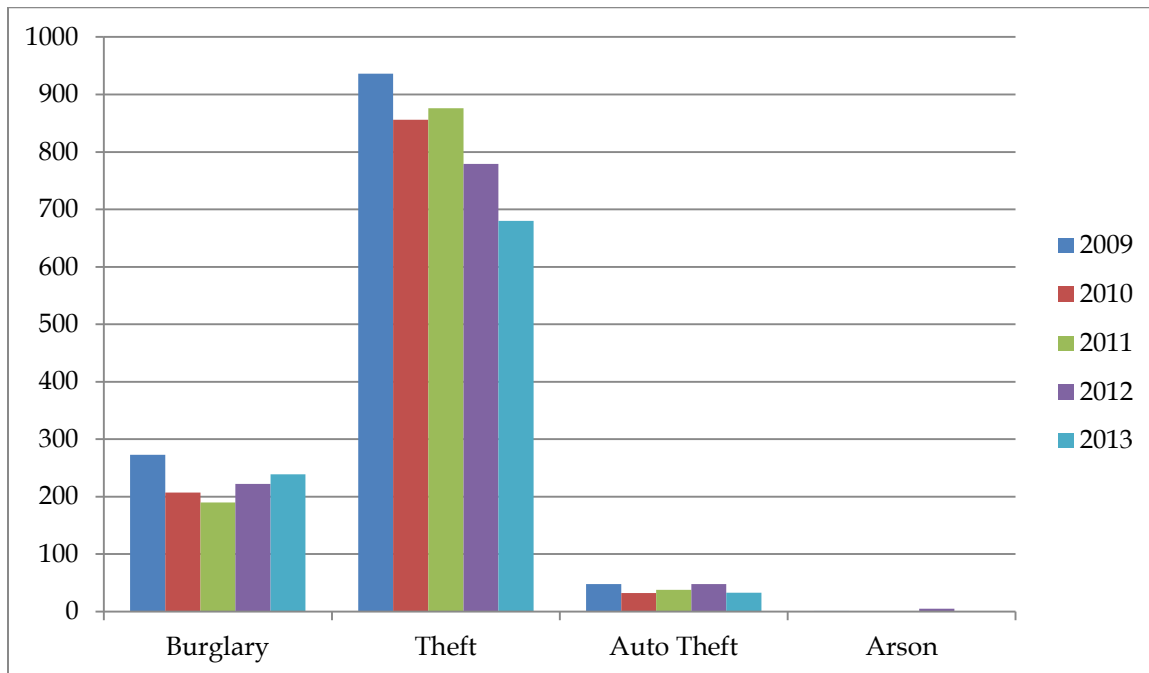
Violent Crime	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Chg.
Homicide	1	1	2	3	0	---
Rape	31	24	7	10	18	80%
Robbery	45	58	27	26	31	19%
Aggravated Assault	130	101	97	137	123	- 10%
Battery	345	425	351	334	376	13%

The department continues to use crime data as a part of its crime prevention and response strategy. By forecasting criminal activity, projecting where it may occur or re-occur, and developing effective patrol and investigative strategies, we aim to limit opportunities for crime to happen. This targeted “intelligence led” approach requires a progressive view that all criminal behavior is potentially a symptom of a larger problem than what appears at first glance. All criminal activity or community concerns, no matter how small may become focal points for a targeted police/community response. Crime adversely affects the whole community not just the “hot spot” or a few pockets where it may occur most often.

PROPERTY CRIMES

Property crimes include all crimes involving criminal activity wherein the property owner suffered a loss of property or a decrease in the value of the property which resulted from a crime. Some of these crimes include fraud, burglary, grand theft, auto theft, and arson. This report does not give a complete accounting of all crimes; however, it does provide a point of reference that one may review to identify the most costly property losses as well as those occurring most frequently.

A total of 1162 property crimes were reported in 2013, which represents a four percent decrease (in reported crimes) from the previous year.

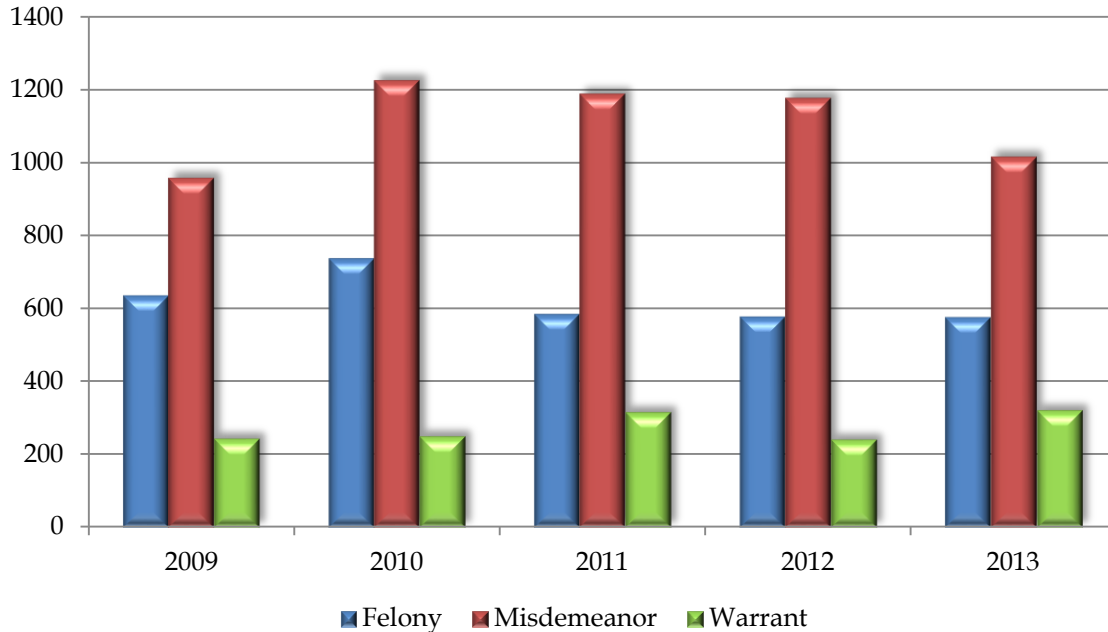


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Property Crime	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Burglary	273	207	190	222	239	8%
Theft	936	856	876	779	856	10%
Auto Theft	48	32	38	48	32	- 33%
Arson	1	0	0	5	2	- 60%

CRIMINAL ARRESTS

The reported crime and arrest statistics shown have been compiled from the Police Department computer system for a yearly comparison. Arrest statistics indicate the number of persons arrested, not the number of individual charges made. Some defendants have been charged with more than one crime.

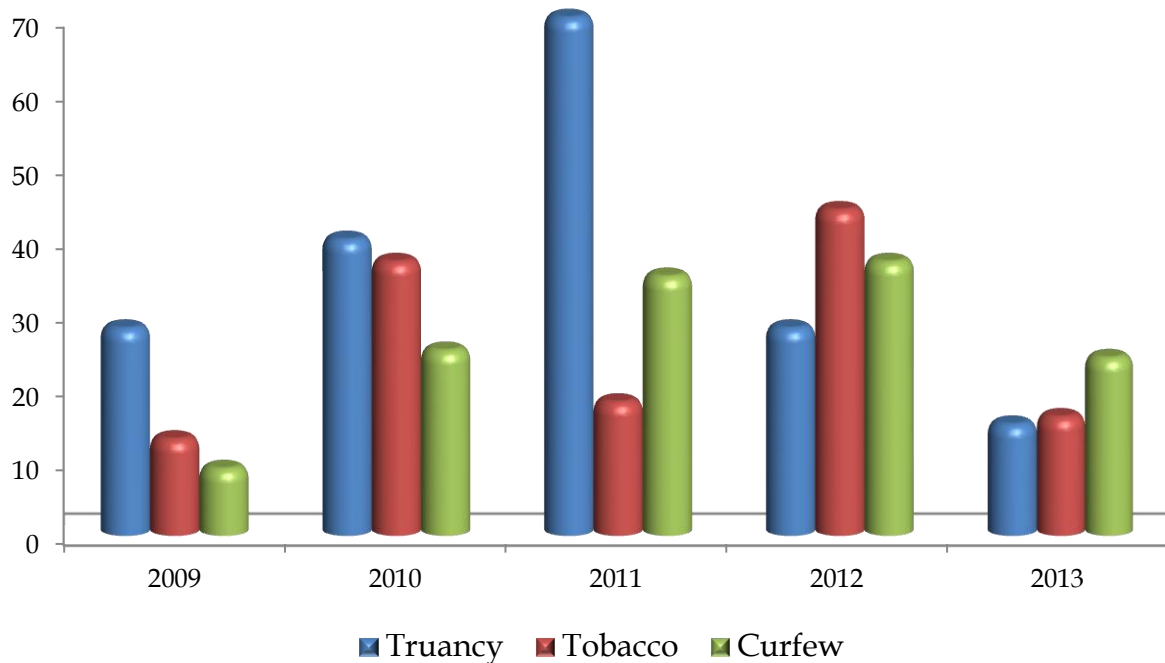


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Arrests Types	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Chg.
Felony Arrests	637	739	586	579	577	- 1%
Misdemeanor Arrests	960	1227	1190	1179	1018	- 14%
Warrant Arrests	243	249	315	240	320	33%
Total	1840	2215	2091	1998	1915	- 4%

SPECIFIC NON-CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT

The specific cases indicated below are selectively enforced and specifically tracked in response to citizen concerns that were expressed to department personnel in combination with proactive policing in known problem locations. Specific non-criminal enforcement involves status offenders who have not committed a crime per say. Nevertheless, by focusing on youthful offenders who commit them, we become an important part of the early intervention process and a factor for behavior modification that helps to minimize the possibility of status offenders becoming a larger societal problem, namely criminal offenders.



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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Chg
Truancy Cases	28	40	70	28	15	- 46%
Tobacco Citations	13	37	18	44	16	- 64%
Curfew Violations	9	25	35	37	24	- 35%

PATROL DIVISION

"The Backbone of the Department"



The patrol division is the backbone of the department. The division is comprised of four patrol teams, specialized units and an administration section. Each of the four patrol teams is directed by a sergeant with the assistance of a working corporal along with eight officers. The administration section is comprised of a major; who is the division commander, a captain; in charge of the special operations; and two lieutenants, serving as watch commanders.

To better handle the unique demands of modern-day law enforcement, the patrol division is enhanced by several specialized units. They consist of the traffic unit, S.W.A.T. team, canine (K-9) unit, street crimes unit, and the vice/narcotics unit.

The patrol division is tasked with responding to emergency calls for assistance, detection and prevention of crime, traffic crash investigations, traffic enforcement, business checks, and proactive neighborhood patrols. The division helps prevent crime and provides a visible presence to the public, instilling confidence and security within the community. Its officers are the first responders who take charge of situations that require immediate action to resolve or mitigate safety issues or concerns.

In 2013 the patrol division continued its problem oriented policing style utilizing intelligence led responses to crime trends within the community which allowed us to be more responsive to community needs. Additionally, our community partnerships, flexibility, and use of intelligence data remain vital to the patrol division's relentless crime fighting activities.



Traffic Unit

The traffic unit is made up of one sergeant and two police officers who are specifically assigned to work selective traffic enforcement and investigate traffic crashes.

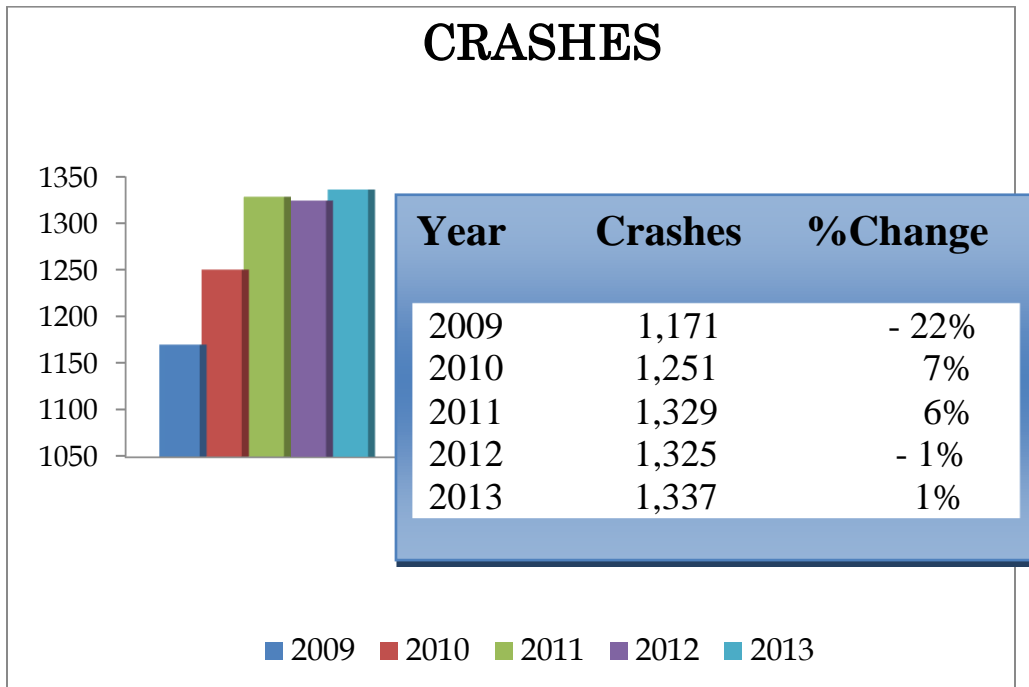
Currently there are three police vehicles assigned to the unit. These vehicles are equipped with computers and printers which aid efficiency of work processes such as creating crash reports and printing driver exchange information on the scene for individuals involved in a crash.



To enhance patrol enforcement activities, unit officers take full advantage of an unmarked vehicle which provides a semi-covert response to complaints in residential areas as well as improves enforcement potential targeting aggressive drivers on the highways.

During 2013, members of the Leesburg Police Department investigated 936 traffic crashes. Of these traffic crashes, the traffic unit investigated 487 or approximately 52 percent of the total. The unit fulfills a vital role within the department. In terms of uniform traffic citations, there were approximately 4891 issued department-wide. This amounts to approximately 963 issued by the traffic unit or roughly 20 percent. Finally, the department issued 1184 written warnings, of which the Traffic unit issued 193 or approximately 17 percent.





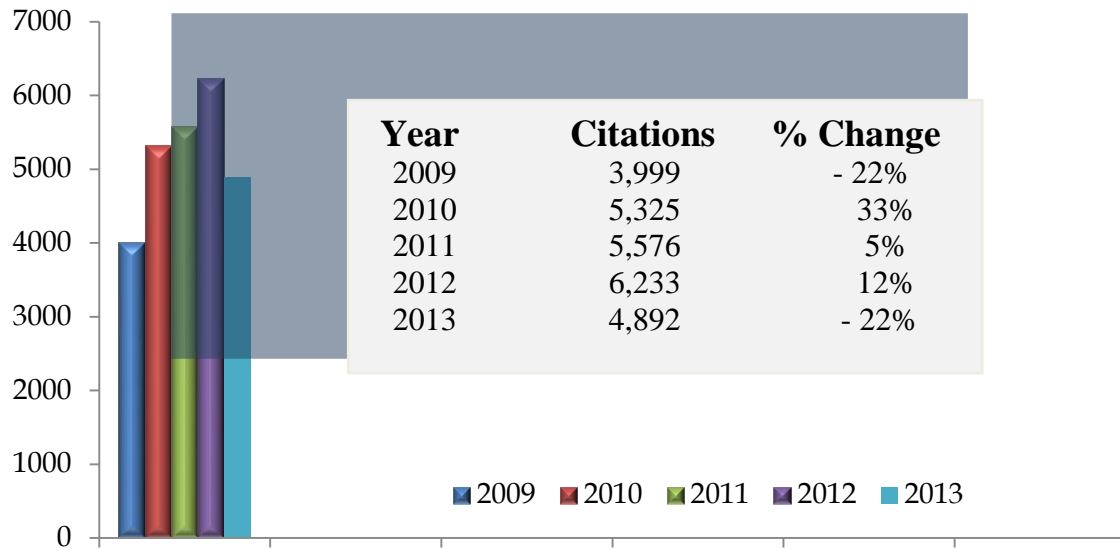
Traffic unit officers receive advanced specialized training in several traffic related subjects. One of the most important being traffic homicide investigation. The course work qualifies them to investigate all traffic crashes that occur inside the city of Leesburg where there was a loss of life. During 2013, the unit investigated four traffic fatalities and conducted four preliminary traffic homicide investigations. Preliminary traffic homicide investigations are defined as crashes that cause severe injury with potential for death.



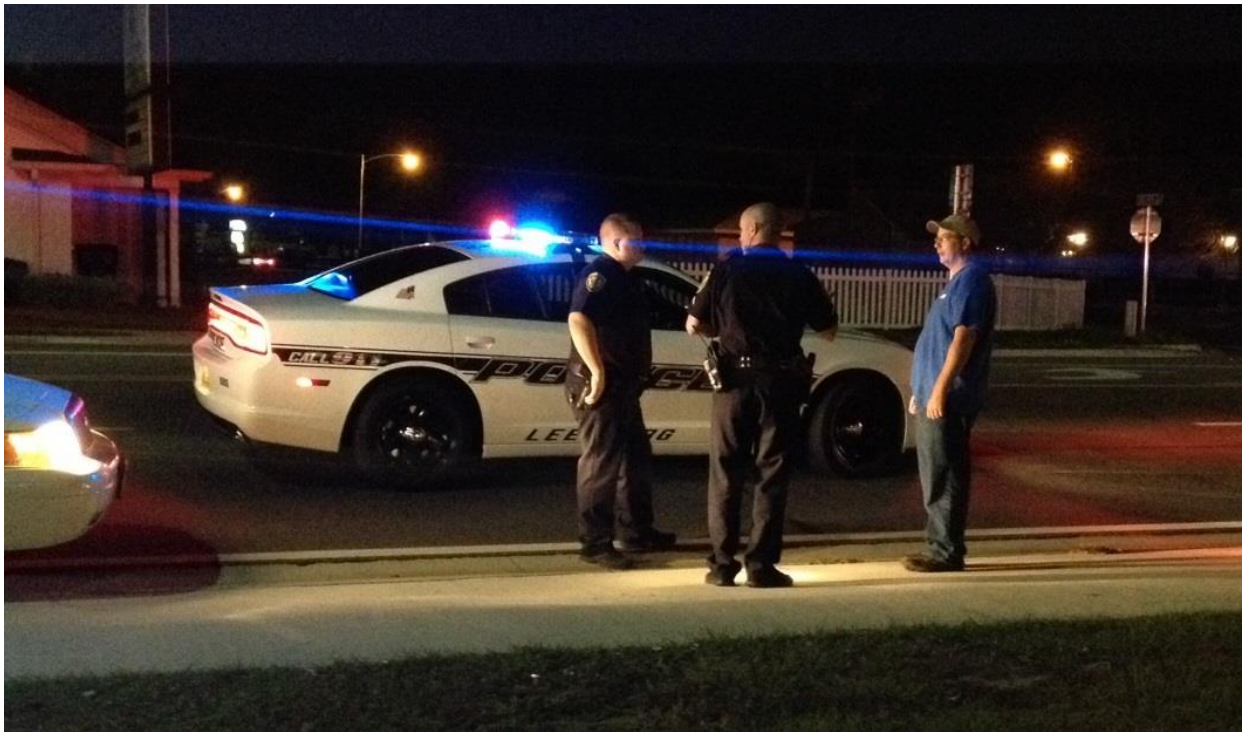
Additionally, the traffic unit has demonstrated its commitment to improving the community by participating in several projects throughout the year. The unit participated in Bikefest, parades, and various marches in Leesburg.

The Traffic unit coordinated all efforts throughout the year involving Click it or Ticket, Law Enforcement Challenge and the DUI Challenge. As a result of their efforts we were awarded a moving radar unit at no cost from FDOT. The Traffic unit also attends Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) meetings throughout the year to discuss traffic concerns with other agencies including the Lake County Traffic Operations and the Department of Transportation.

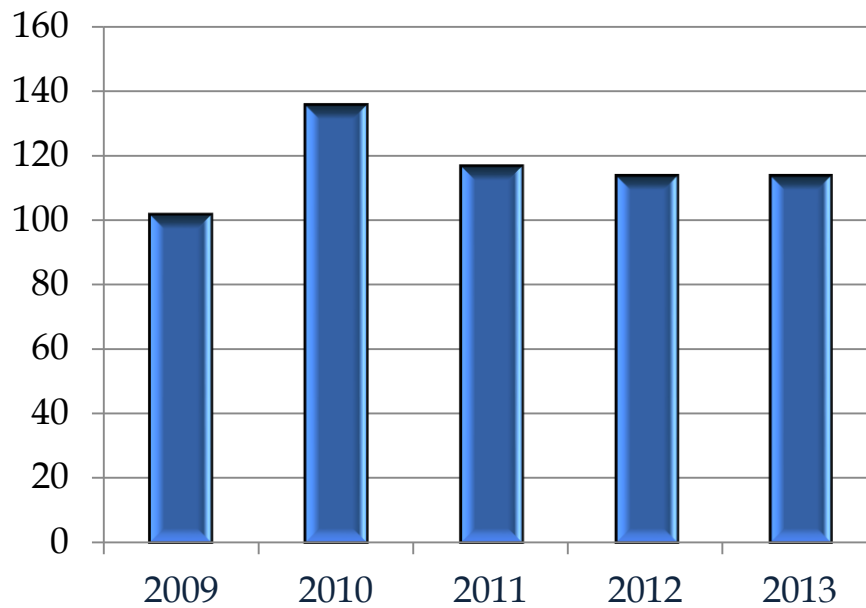
TRAFFIC CITATIONS



DUI ENFORCEMENT



DUI ARRESTS



Year	DUI Arrests	% Chg.
2009	102	- 35%
2010	136	33%
2011	117	- 14%
2012	113	- 3%
2013	84	- 26%

Drive Hammered. Get Slammered!



S.W.A.T. Operations

The Leesburg Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in Lake County to establish a fully functional S.W.A.T. team. While serving a search warrant in a Leesburg apartment complex, now retired C.I.D. Captain Jerry Gehlbach was injured by gunfire while approaching the front door of the residence. This critical incident, and several others which occurred nationwide during the time, brought about the creation of the Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. Team. From this beginning, Leesburg S.W.A.T. responded to all critical incidents within the city, and served all high risk search warrants thereafter.



This year, the team acquired a decommissioned Brinks truck for \$10. Through the support of several local businesses and team members alike, the truck was reconditioned and adapted to the needs of the team. We greatly appreciate the support received from our citizens and business owners during this project. Without their assistance, this venture would not have been such a success. We value their understanding of our needs and treasure their partnerships.



In 2013, the S.W.A.T. team deployed, on several occasions, addressing high risk incidents within the city limits. During normal patrol operations, S.W.A.T. team members respond to countless calls for service, directly involving firearms and other dangerous weapons. The training, tactics, and equipment employed by these specially trained officers greatly diminish the likelihood of injury to a citizen, suspect, or officer. Having highly trained, equipped, and motivated officers patrolling the city at all times provides the community with a more efficient and effective police force. The Leesburg S.W.A.T. team prides itself on the local, national, and international recognition it has received and earned during its tenure.

S.W.A.T. Training



Continuing training is a key component of the team's continued success. During the year, the team conducted rural/woodland operations training with the Florida Wildlife Commission and Florida Department of Corrections bloodhound teams. These strong relationships not only provide Leesburg citizens with better trained officers, but with asset assistance during times of need. We continue to network, and enhance these types of relationships with our counterparts within the tactical community.

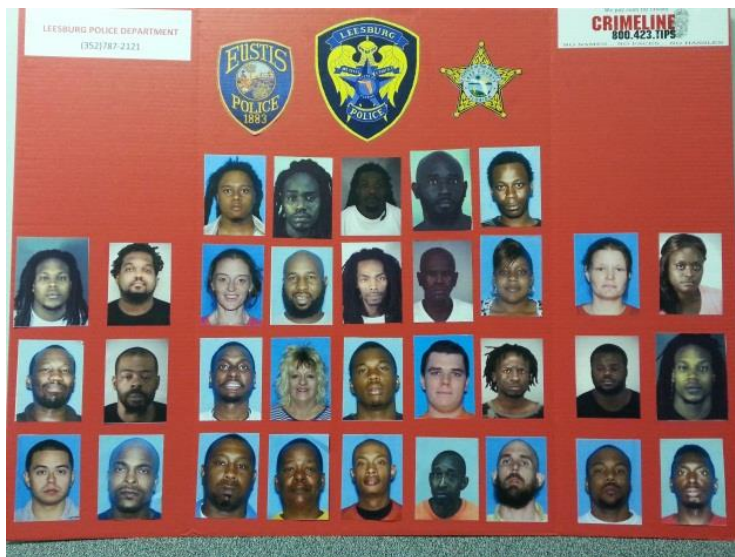
The S.W.A.T. team conducts monthly in-service training, in addition to any outside agency training the operators may receive. The team maintains a highly skilled instructional cadre who also provide department level training for all officers within the agency. The instructors follow the most current trends and requirements available within the tactical community. The S.W.A.T. team commander and team leaders attend the annual Florida S.W.A.T. Association (FSA) conference and maintain a close watch on the guidelines established by the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA). All team operators are members of the FSA and NTOA alike. In addition to the "in-house" training program, the team conducts training with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure cohesive relationships and continuity within our local operational community. Training may include, but is not limited to hostage rescue, waterborne operations, dynamic building entries, vehicle assaults, linear assaults, firearms training, rappelling, and physical fitness testing.

Street Crimes Unit and Vice/Narcotics Unit

The vice unit focused on crimes stemming from and directly related to the illicit narcotics sales and distribution occurring within the City of Leesburg. The unit seized a variety of illicit drugs from street level dealers and users. Some examples are marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and illegal prescription pills.

During Operation Summer Camp, a citywide undercover operation targeting mid-level drug dealers and suppliers, there were 51 arrest warrants filed by the unit. Additionally, the unit was able to shut down several meth labs within the city limits.

Narcotics officers continue to work closely with the Lake County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Bureau to go after drug dealers that operate in the city but reside in another jurisdiction. Joint operations with the LCSO Narcotics Unit yielded more than 100 arrest warrants being issued for drug dealers that operate in and around Central Florida, Lake County, and the City of Leesburg.



The street crimes unit (SCU) is a proactive unit which focuses on the apprehension of criminals, deterring crime throughout the city, and targeting specific community problems. The SCU works closely with other units of the Leesburg Police Department on various aspects of law enforcement; including assisting patrol officers on calls for service, assisting the criminal investigation division on several major crime scenes, and assisting

vice/narcotics unit on multiple drug arrests. In one case, officers from the SCU were able to take down two known gang members with ties to a white supremacist organization that were wanted for multiple shootings and armed robberies. At the time of arrest the men were armed with two handguns and two assault rifles.

During 2013, the street crimes and vice/narcotics units made 139 narcotics arrests, 205 total arrests, 436 citations, 116 field contacts and 153 trespass warnings.

Canine Unit

During 2013, the K-9 teams walked 417 vehicles resulting in the seizure and recovery of nearly \$41,554.06 worth of property and illicit narcotics.

The police dog, often referred to as a "K-9" in some areas, is a dog that is trained specifically to assist police and other law enforcement personnel in their work. The most commonly used breeds are the German shepherd and labrador retriever. Their value has been recognized by all to such an extent that there are thousands utilized in various police agencies in the United States

The Leesburg Police Department Canine Unit consists of four K-9 teams. Each team is comprised of a dog (either labrador retriever or German shepherd) and a handler. All dogs are trained in narcotic detection, tracking, and evidence recovery.

Thanks to Southeast Guide Dogs Inc. in Sarasota FL, we were able to add an additional K-9 to our program at no cost to the city. This is a new relationship that was developed through our involvement with the National Police Canine Association (NPCA) and the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC).

In many jurisdictions the intentional injuring or killing of a police dog is a felony.

Canine Training



The Leesburg Police Department K-9 Unit trains on a monthly basis. While the majority of training hours are conducted within the city limits, they occasionally train with surrounding department's K-9 teams.

Recent court rulings have determined that K-9 Teams in the State of Florida must complete a lengthy certification process and maintain a record of their training hours. All four of K-9 teams are certified by the National Police Canine Association for Narcotics Detection, with the newest team preparing for certification soon. The certification process is a demanding and thorough assessment of the team's knowledge, skills, and abilities. Once successfully completed, the training does not end; it is an ongoing process that teaches new skills and sharpens old ones. The training includes all aspects of the team's capabilities as well as "real world" scenarios to evaluate their proficiency. During 2013, the unit conducted 848 hours of documented training. Much of the training is conducted locally. By doing so, the department is able minimize training expenses.

Canine Deployments



General

Tracks	15
Evidence Search	1
Arrests	118
Criminal Citations	97
Traffic Citations	365
Other Citations	18

Narcotic Deployments

Vehicles	417
Schools	2
Article Searches	1

TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS 420

Drug Seizure Value

Cannabis	1802 g.
Cocaine	68.54 g.
Methamphetamine	82 g.
Heroin	0g.
Prescription	106

DRUG VALUE \$27,524.00

Property Seizures

Cash	\$4,030.00
Vehicles (2)	\$10,000.00

PROPERTY VALUE \$14,030.00

Training Hours 848

Public 2

Demonstrations



Criminal Investigations Division



The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for all felony investigations, civil forfeitures, intelligence information, and all evidence collected by the department. In addition to felony investigations, the division also investigates missing person incidents, domestic violence batteries, and child and elder abuse cases.

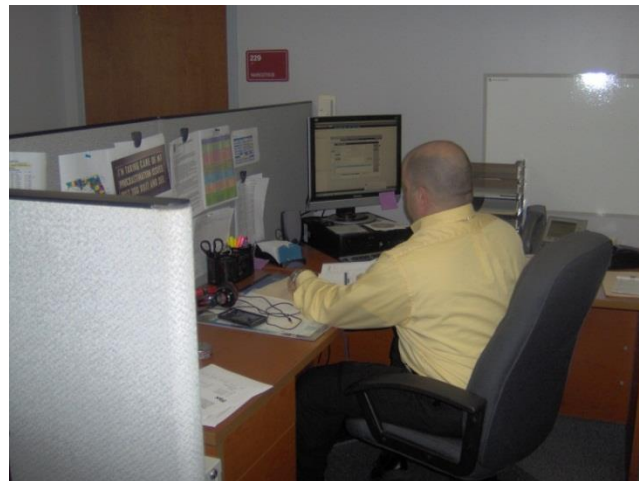
The division consists of an evidence technician, seven detectives, a corporal, a sergeant, and a captain who manages the division.

In 2013, the division investigated numerous high profile criminal incidents as well as others that did not get media attention. These crimes vary in nature from frauds, thefts, sex offenses, assaults, and the most serious; homicide.

Approximately 1066 cases were assigned to detectives for investigation. The most significant numbers were felonies totaling approximately 717. This was a slight increase from the previous year.

The division currently has ten unresolved homicides, of which two date back to the 1970's. Detectives are diligently working to solve these cases and have developed new leads in some of them. We understand it's never too late to solve a case, particularly homicides.

Fortunately, no homicides occurred during 2013.



UNRESOLVED HOMICIDES

Leavell Daniels

Velma Champagne

Chris Taylor

Mayola Houser

Jeffrey Brown

Ernest Heggs

Josephine Williams

Ronald Banks

Harvell Golden

Wilson George



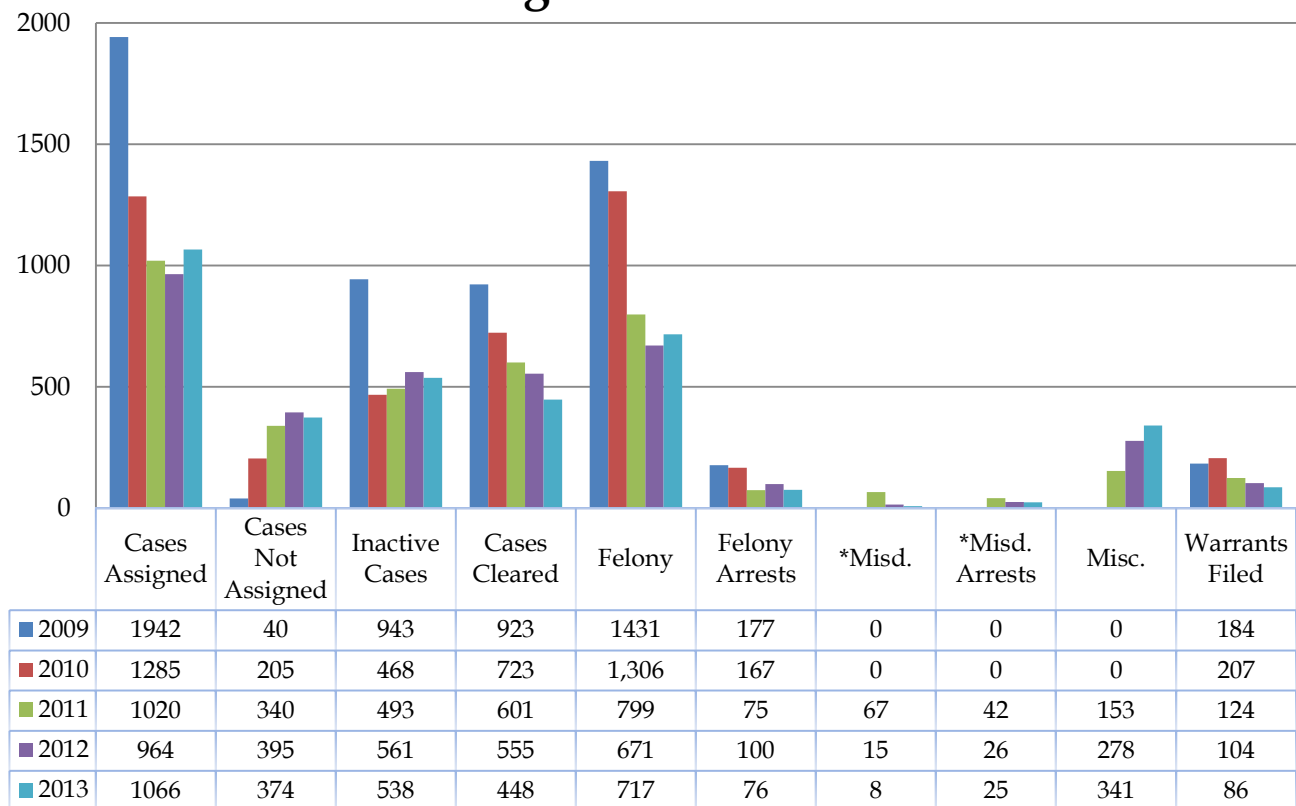
Anyone with information regarding the above listed homicides may call the Leesburg Police Department at 352-787-2121. We do not want your name, only the information.

Tips may also be reported to CrimeLine at 800-423-tips. Any information that leads to an arrest of the perpetrator may make you eligible for up to a \$5000.00 reward. You don't have to give your name. All we want is the information. You can remain anonymous.



Criminal Investigation Division

Investigative Case Load



*Misd. abbreviation for misdemeanor.

The division underwent improvements in the case management procedure. This allows detectives to focus more of their time on cases that can be resolved. Case screening is the first step and probable the most critical aspect. It requires the screener to evaluate each case based on a series of solvability factors and identify which cases will be assigned to a detective for follow-up. The goal is to create an atmosphere conducive to better case load management, which enhances both the effectiveness and efficiency of work processes. A properly managed case load advances greater potential for solving cases and heightens our probability for case clearances. For this reason, we rely on solvability factors, which have proven to be instrumental in our investigations.

So what are these so called “solvability factors? A few of them are rather simplistic: can a suspect be identified or is there known a serial number for a stolen piece of property. Without basic information such as this, many crimes go unsolved. These elements form the basis for effective case management and when coupled with monitoring, more time may be allocated to solvable crimes. Generally, this model is designed largely for more “common” types of cases, such as theft, burglary, and robbery, whereas cases involving murder, rape, organized crime, and terrorism will involve more than a preliminary investigation.

	2012	2013	% Chg
Cases Assigned	964	1066	11%
Not Assigneed	395	374	-5%
Inactive Cases	561	538	-4%
Cleared Cases	555	448	-9%
Felony	671	717	7%
Felony Arrest	100	76	-24%
Misdemeanor	15	8	- 46%
Misd. Arrests	26	25	--
Miscellaneous	287	341	18%
Warrants Filed	124	104	16%

By focusing on the solvability of most criminal cases that come to our attention, better utilization of investigative resources can be attained. However improved technology and better training of investigators have made it possible to “keep an eye” on cases that might not appear to be solvable following a preliminary investigation. For example, in a burglary where there is not enough evidence or information to pursue an immediate investigation, the information about the crime can be stored in a computer that may later serve to link a suspect arrested or identified in a future crime. Advances in crime analysis have made it possible to store information on modus operandi (MO or method of operation), prior arrests for similar crimes, identification of property that may turn up later, and persons released from prison who committed similar crimes in the past.

Property and Evidence Section

Property items taken from crime scenes during a call for service are stored in the property & evidence section of the Leesburg Police Department (LPD). One element for a successful prosecution depends on how the evidence is handled and preserved. If evidence is not



properly packaged and documented at the time a police officer collects it at a crime scene, and if the property is not stored properly or the "chain of custody" is compromised, criminals may go free, putting our community and its citizens at risk.

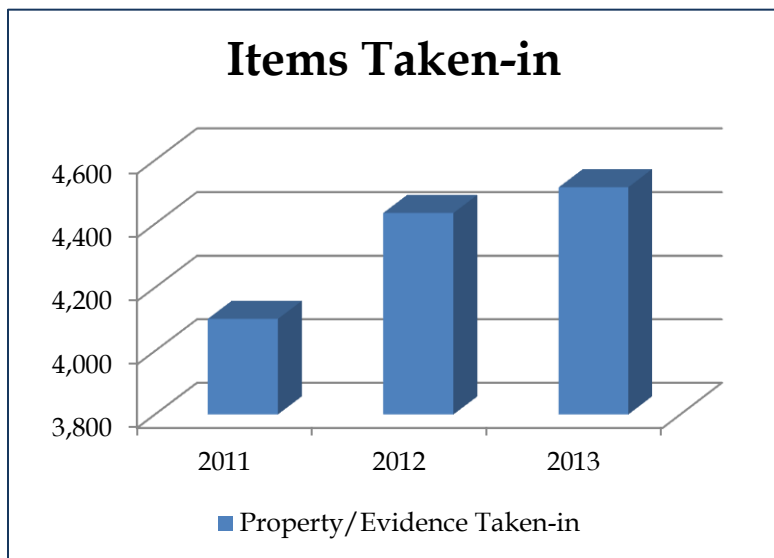
Seized property stored by the Property & Evidence Section comes in many shapes and sizes. Items can be small as a human hair or large as a car. LPD's inventory can include guns, clothing, blood, furniture, and vehicles.

Approximately 4,515 items of property/evidence were submitted to the property & evidence section in 2013. These items are preserved from the date of submission, through the investigations and analysis, to the time of return to the owner or disposal. When necessary, the evidence technicians also testify in court. In addition to normal duties, evidence personnel teach staff on evidence procedures.

The evidence technicians routinely handle items that contain dangerous or toxic substances. The personnel may be exposed to health hazards such as AIDS, hepatitis, Hantavirus, aspergillosis, and tuberculosis. Areas of expertise for property & evidence section employees include the handling of firearm, infection control, OSHA rules and regulations, chemical and biological handling and storage, courtroom procedures, and privacy and security regulations.

Section personnel must be aware of all pending and new legislation that affects the handling of evidence, and any new technology, such as warehouse management and bar code tracking.

When a case is over and the property is no longer needed, every attempt is made to return items to the rightful owner. If the owner can't be found, the property is disposed of through the city's public auction, destruction, donated to local charities, or retained for department use.



Support Services Division

The support services division has the mission of performing support activities for patrol and the criminal investigations divisions. The division consists of the community services section, communications section, records management section, and code enforcement.

Community Services

During the 2013 calendar year, the community services section conducted numerous presentations for local businesses, schools, churches, civic groups, and community action teams in and around the Leesburg area. The presentations included, but were not limited to crime prevention, personal safety, neighborhood watch, active shooter preparedness, child safety, and crime mitigation within rental communities.




The community services section consists of one sergeant, who is assisted by two code enforcement officers dividing their time between responsibilities, six volunteer COP officers (Citizens on Patrol), and eight crossing guards. The department currently has one certified crime prevention practitioner, and one certified CPTED practitioner (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). This training has proven itself effective in community problem solving and crime mitigation.

The section continues to work with the established neighborhood watch groups within the community. By networking with a variety of community groups, the community services sergeant has helped keep the public apprised of topics related to current crime trends and various city events. These learning opportunities include training about a variety of fraud and scams, which are major problems victimizing much of our elder population. The sergeant is also responsible for establishing new neighborhood watch groups while maintaining cohesive relationships with the pre-existing groups within our communities.

“Building Community Partnerships”



The Police Department's commitment to community involvement also includes, but is not limited to the following events and activities:

-  *Fingerprinting Citizens*
-  *Junior Achievement*
-  *Black Heritage Festival*
-  *Participation in the MLK Community Celebrations*
-  *Leesburg Chamber of Commerce*
-  *Participated Leesburg Halloween & Christmas Programs*
-  *Christmas Bicycle Giveaway*
-  *"Knitters for Kids"*
-  *Bank robbery prevention classes for local banks*
-  *Junior Athletic Games (JAG)*
-  *Safety Expo*
-  *Alzheimer's & Dementia Registry*
-  *Safety talks & tours of local Cub Scout Packs*
-  *Career Day*
-  *Neighborhood Watch Program*
-  *Crime prevention presentations for local businesses*
-  *Presentations to the Lake County Senior Center on elderly fraud*
-  *Presentations on Internet safety for teenagers*
-  *"If I Were a Thief"*

Bicycle Give-away/ Shop with a COP

Thanks to the generosity of several community donors, the department was able to continue the Christmas Bicycle Give-away program in 2013. Charitable giving enabled the department to purchase and give away over 57 new bicycles to some of the area's most needy children and families. The program has exceeded 20 years and has provided hundreds of bicycles to area under privileged children. The program has evolved from a time when police officers repaired and cleaned abandoned and unclaimed bicycles. Now the department purchases new bicycles from a local retailer. Recipients who receive bicycles are selected from a list of the area's neediest children. The dedicated work and charity of numerous officers and citizens is what makes the program successful.



The program continues to thrive mainly because of the financial support provided by citizens, groups, civic organizations, local charities, and businesses. Tax payer dollars have never been used support this initiative.

We recognize the role of law enforcement exceeds its traditional boundaries of protecting public safety; it also carries the responsibility and duty of being a good neighbor. This is just another way we improve Leesburg's quality of life.

Junior Athletic Games

The Leesburg Police Department Community Services Section held its annual Junior Athletic Games (JAG) in April of 2013 at the Leesburg High School football field. This unique program gives the area's elementary school students a chance to compete in seven different events. The students participated in the following events: football throw, soccer ball kick, 50 yard dash, 400 yard relay, softball throw, long jump, 100 yard dash, and the award ceremony.

The students were taught principles of good sportsmanship and given the opportunity to apply them in friendly competition. Students placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd received medals for their accomplishments with the remaining receiving a letter of participation in recognition of their effort. The department also gave each competitor a t-shirt to commemorate their involvement in the event. Many view this event instrumental to helping mold strong bodies, minds, and build esteem, while exemplifying good sportsmanship. As usual, the overall school winner received a trophy.



Citizens on Patrol (COP)

The COP unit is an integral part of the community services section. They assist the section with everything from traffic control to fingerprinting children at community events. During 2013, the COP unit documented over 1,600 hours of time and service to the citizens of Leesburg. Considering there are only a handful of officers within this unit, it is extremely impressive that they were able to accumulate and donate so much of their time to the community. Without the support of the COP unit, we simply wouldn't be able to provide the current level of service which we provide. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by the division and department alike!



COP Lee Russell dedicated approximately 4 years to the department as a volunteer.



Unfortunately, the COP unit suffered the loss of one of their own this year. COP Officer Lee Russell passed away and his loss will affect the community and department alike. Lee was one of the original members of the unit, and one of the most valued.

He donated much of his time to the community and will be remembered by his legacy of giving!

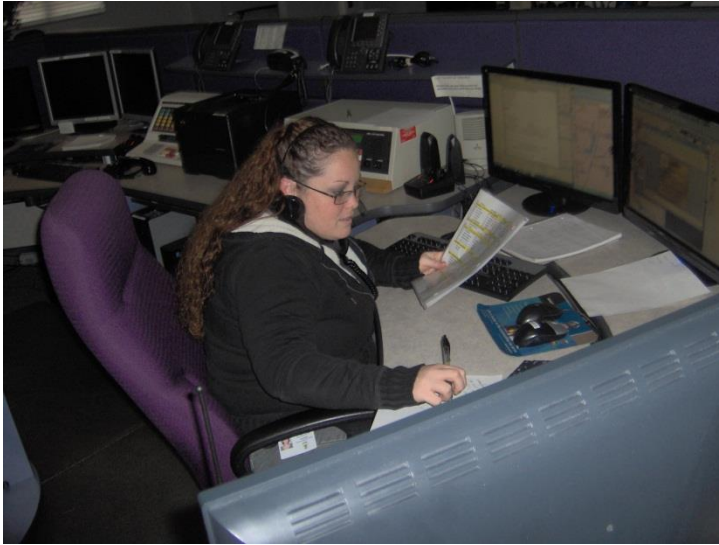
Crossing Guards

Another equally important entity within the community service section is the crossing guard unit. They are a part-time unit tasked with the safety of Leesburg's most valuable asset, children. Crossing guards can be seen working throughout the school year at Leesburg's busiest intersections, ensuring the safety of the children traveling to and from their respective school. The crossing guards take great pride in their positions and are truly dedicated to the safety of our children, and to the betterment of our community.

An extra crossing guard was added at Oak Park Middle/Leesburg Elementary School this year, and the Florida Department of Transportation added additional signage and road striping to enhance safety within both school zones. The police department also met with school officials on several occasions to mitigate traffic hazards during the school year.



Communications Section

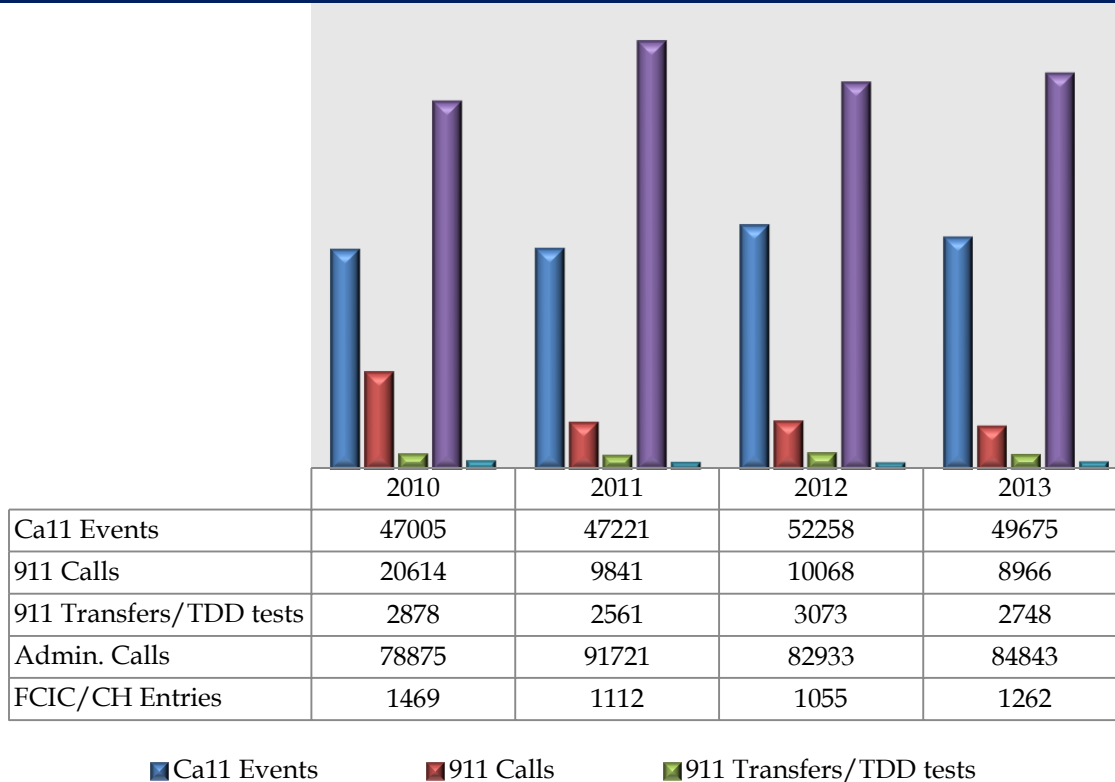


The communications section has experienced many changes primarily dealing with technology and state communications officer certification requirements, which have all been successfully incorporated into the section; but the most compelling need is for fully qualified and capable staff to answer when the public calls. This is our first line of defense against crime and also provides for other service needs.

A total of 96,761 telephone calls came into the communications

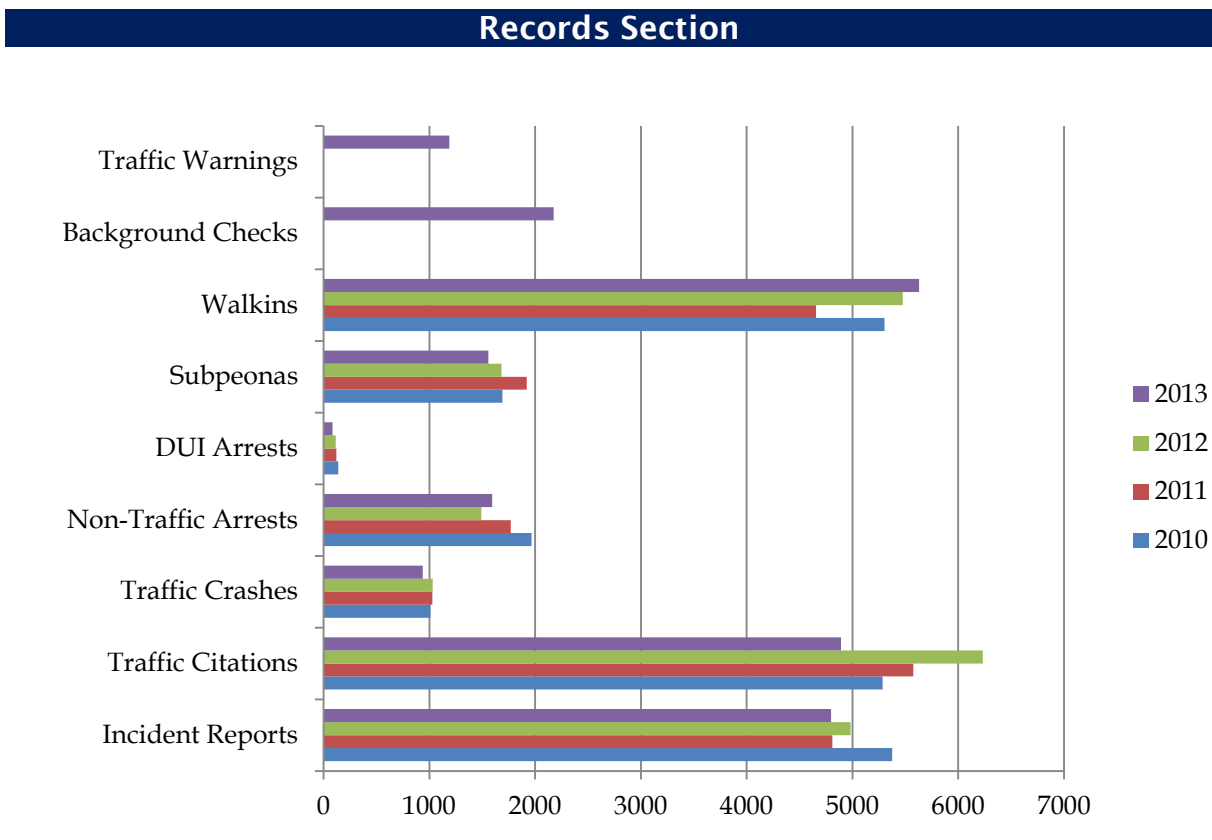
center. These calls consisted of 911 calls, TDD test calls, and administrative calls. Additionally, the section handled 49,675 police call events, which may or may not have resulted from a telephone call but required a communications officer to dispatch a police officer. There were 4039 hours of training and instruction accomplished during 2013. The section is a very important link to maintaining the department's high quality service. This is not a comprehensive accounting of all that they do but only a snapshot into the world of our call center.

Communications



Records Section

The records section is staffed with a supervisor, two full-time clerical assistants, and one office specialist. They provide a variety of clerical services and other duties to both the public and internal personnel. A large part of their work does not involve direct contact with the public. The staff processed 4,987 incident reports, 938 traffic crash reports, 4892 traffic tickets, 1,595 non-traffic arrest reports, and accepted 1,557 subpoenas for court appearances. Production statistics also indicate that 5,631 citizens came into the lobby and were assisted by members of the section. The records section also handled citizen's requests for finger printing. The section provided the option of rolled ink impressions or live scan electronic impression. Finally, staff members attended a total of 100 hours of continuing educational training in 2013. Training is vitally important for keeping staff members up-to-date on the best business practices, which enhance service delivery to the public. Assistance provided to internal personnel is not tracked.



The above data table depicts services performed by the records section. Traffic warnings and back ground checks were previously excluded from the annual report but are now included to create a more comprehensive record of services provided by the section.

Code Enforcement

Lending institutions increased their efforts to preserve their properties last year. This was in part due to the city's enactment of a new Abandoned Property Ordinance and the recognition that if property owners maintained their properties, they also maintained the value of their properties. The ordinance was a win-win: for the city lessening code enforcement activities; and for the property owner eliminating the assessment of fines for failure to maintain.



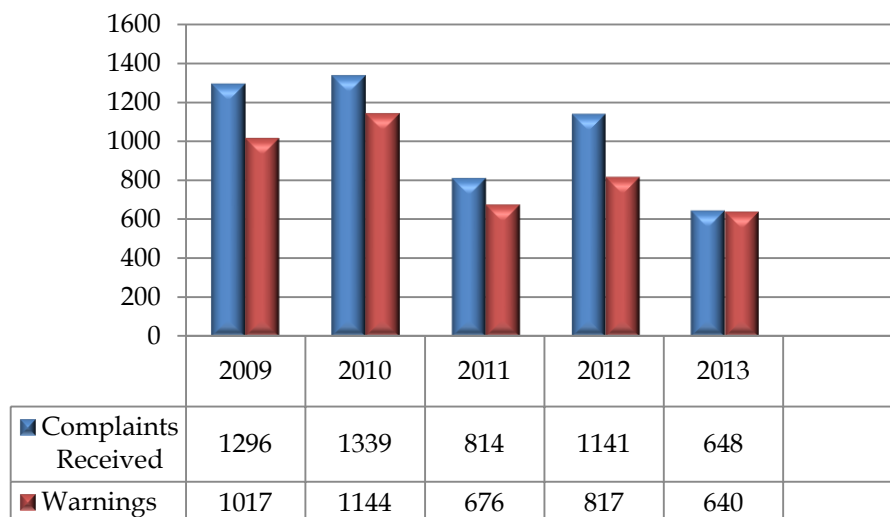
Hall Circle property before demolition

The resulting trickle-down effect also impacted homeowners. Home owners took greater strides in maintaining their homes in order to protect their equities. Also the housing market started to see a slight turn around and property owners realized a properly maintained home was the best way to attract the highest offers from potential buyers.

During 2013, we worked with many of our multi-family unit managers. Through periodic inspections and education of management, we have seen a great reduction in the number of complaints from tenants.

We achieve more through education of the city ordinances and working along with our citizens. Together we make our community a safer and more enjoyable place to live.

Code Enforcement

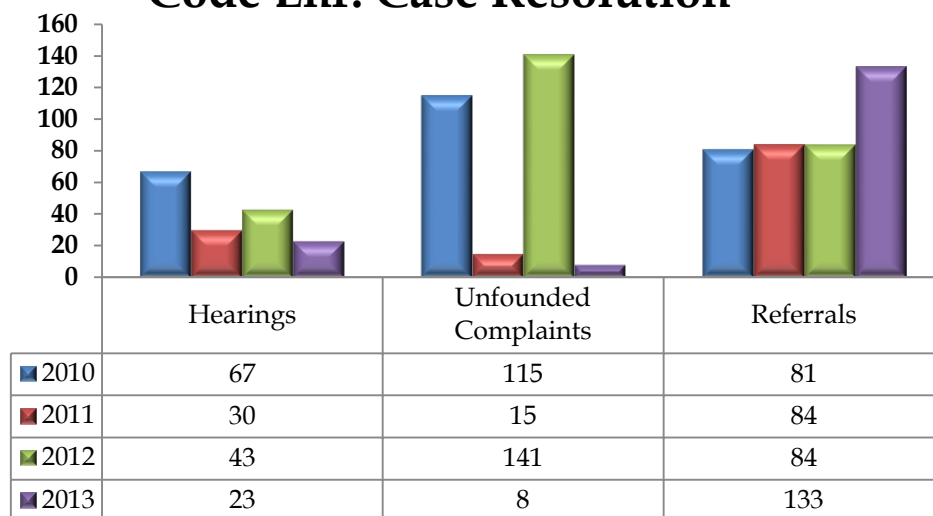




Hall Circle Property after Demolition

Code Enforcement

Code Enf. Case Resolution



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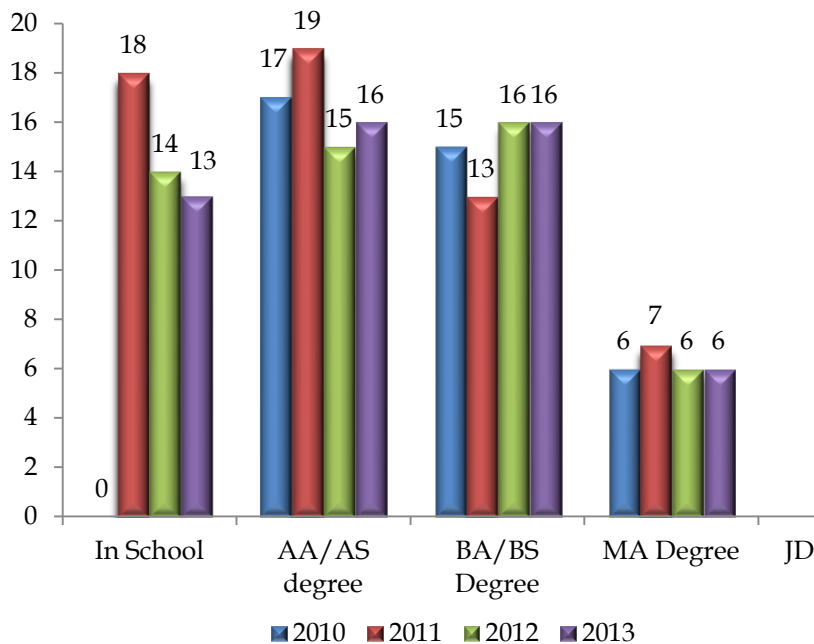
Department Education and Training



Education and training are highly regarded qualities within our organizational culture. It is the foundation of professionalism and one of the driving forces behind all successful organizations - the bedrock on which to build whatever the mind conceives, that once earned can never be seized or forfeited. Education and training promotes a greater awareness, hampers narrow mindedness, and motivates consideration for other points of view. It is a light of reason, guiding consensus and paving the rough crossroads to greater understanding. It equips humanity with ingenuity and better judgement to make the tough decisions that potentially affect everyone.

As proof of our organizational commitment to education, we strive to make accommodations whenever possible to anyone willing to make a personal commitment and sacrifice of time and energy to become more learned. In perpetuity, no one can convincingly argue against the value of individual professional development such as education and training.

Education and Training



"Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery."

Horace Mann

Police Code of Ethics

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department.

Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.



Ethics!
“More than Moralistic Philosophy”